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Sassoon House, Jinkoo Road.

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Mr. Loo requested that a number of Chinese Police be supplied to protect the premises and prevent the bicycles being removed, if the messengers did come out

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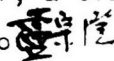
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Station Ref. No. 263/37 " B " Division. Bubbling Hall Police Station. Sept. 21, 19 37.

Diary Number: 2. Nature of Offence:

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day

Places visited in course of investigation each day

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Illegal Detention of the Manager of the Kwang Hwa Petroleum Co., by Company's employees.

At 10a.m. 21-9-37, a meeting of the employees of the Kwang Hwa Petroleum Company was held at the Provisional Offices of the company at 854/6 Avenue Foch, at which the general manager of the company, Mr. Ching Yih Mung (*Ching Yih Mung*), informed them that the board of directors had reconsidered the questioned of compensation of discharged employees and offered them two alternatives as follows:

- (1) Those satisfied with three months' pay in lieu of notice, may receive the money at once and leave the service.
- (2) Those not satisfied with above compensation may remain in the service on half-pay which will be issued from a "sinking fund," until the same is exhausted, after which the company will be under no obligation to the employees.

The "sinking fund" is to be composed of the sum equal to three months' pay of employees agreeing to these terms, plus gross profits of the company for the month of September 1937 (estimated to be approximately \$6,000.), plus 50% of the profits received by company after October 1st. 1937.

The company would not consider any other demands or

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Stn. Ref. No. 263/37 (B#)

Division

Police Station.

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suggestions and employees were advised to make decision before 12 noon 22-9-37 and inform the company by signing new agreement on a special form provided by the company. After this the meeting was terminated and the employees left the company's premises. The meeting was attended by D.I. Thaung Kyien and the undersigned.

At the request of the management one C.P.C. will be posted on the premises during the office hours from this date to prevent any disturbances.



Senior Detective 1/c.



D.S.I.

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Station Ref. No. 263/37
 " B " Division. Bubbling Well Police Station.
 Sept. 16, 19 37.
 Diary Number: 1. Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day

Places visited in course of investigation each day

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Illegal Detention of the Manager of the Kwang Hwa Petroleum Co. by company's employees.

At 4p.m. 16-9-37, Wang Liang Ti (王良梯), one of the directors of the Kwang Hwa Petroleum Co., came to the Station and reported that Mr. Ching Yih Hung (程易亨), general manager of the above company and six directors have been detained by their employees at the provisional offices of the company at Nos. 854-6 Avenue Foch, since 10a.m. even date and not allowed to communicate with any one.

The undersigned accompanied by D.S.I. T'ang Tsu Hung, C.D.S. 8 and C.D.C. 340 immediately attended and ascertained that at 10a.m. even date, Mr. Ching Yih Hung and six directors, had arrived at the company's offices at the above address where all the employees were gathered and informed, that owing to the present state of hostilities it had been decided by the board of directors to suspend the business and discharge the staff. Every employee was to receive three months pay.

The employees (mostly indoor staff) refused to accept the compensation and demanded that six months' pay and an allowance of \$200.00 be issued to each discharged man. This was based on a precedent which had taken place in March, 1936 when the company was

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Diary Number: 1/sheet 2.

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reorganized and a number of employees was discharged, each person receiving 6 months' pay and an allowance of \$200.00.

At the time the remaining employees requested some guarantee to the effect that they would not be discharged on different terms and a letter addressed to all the staff was issued by the board of directors in which it was stated that similar compensation would be paid to all employees in case of discharge.

The manager explained that in 1936 employees were discharged owing to reorganization and that the company was continuing the business, whilst at present the company was forced, owing to hostilities, to suspend the business and was not in a position to pay all the employees (about 60 in number) demanded compensation.

As their demands were not accepted, the employees through their leaders Wu Kyng Tsing (吴景清), Tsang Mei Dam (张美棠), Sung Sing Ts (孙新之), Pham Chai Lou (潘家驹) and Woo Yih Sien (吴逸仙) prevented Mr. Ching Yih Mung and other directors from leaving the premises or communicating with anyone.

On arrival of detectives, Mr. Ching Yih Mung stated that he did not wish to take any action for his illegal detention and after a brief conference with

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representatives of the employees offered them to reconsider their demands and inform the company as soon as possible.

Mr. Ching Yih Mung and the directors left the premises in the presence of the Police and no untoward incident took place.

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S.S.D. Court

The accused herein were arraigned before the
S.S.D. Court a.m. 16/9/37 and were sentenced as
follows:-

1st - 27th accused:- Each 25 days' detention
suspended for 2 years.

28th - 36th accused:- All not guilty.

Previous convictions of accused are as follows:-

16th accused:- 2 previous convictions.

29th accused:- 1 " "

The rest has no previous conviction to their
credit.

Case completed.

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CRIME DIARY.

Crime Register No. **1528/37.**

Division. **"B"**
Police Station. **Sinma**
Sept. 15, 1937.

Diary Number 1.

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Nature of Offence:— **36 and 61.**

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	11.10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 15/9/37.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Park Hotel, C.I.D. Office.
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	4th floor Park Hotel. 170 Bubbling Well Road.
Time and date of offence.	11.10 a.m. 15/9/37.
" " " reported.	11.10 a.m. 15/9/37.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Assistant Warder Dallas, Warder Butler S.M. Gaol, and S.M.P./S.M.C.
Number of criminals with full individual description.	36 arrested and charged. 1st. "Ma Chung Kung (朱忠興), 25, Chekiang, W/cock, 90/61 Myburgh Road and 35 others.
Arrests.	36 by C.I.D.
Classification of property stolen.	Value \$
Classification of property recovered.	Value \$
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	16 Sept 1937 (C.I.D. BRANCH) D.S.D. Tokofian 16/9

Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.

In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (a) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.

- (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises.
- (f) Means used (tools etc.)
- (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc.
- (h) Mode of transport and description.
- (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)

Accused disturbed peace and threatened to destroy property by fire and the 1st to 14th accused assaulted Assistant Warder Dallas.

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- (j) What staff employed on premises?
(k) Are they all "old" servants?
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
(m) What was their "character"?
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
(o) Are old servants suspected?
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer.)

Does not apply.

At 11.08 a.m. 15/9/37 Warder Butler of the S.M. Gaol telephoned the station requesting that Police be sent to the Park Hotel 170 Babbington Wall Road to quell a riot.

D.I. Eddy, S.I. Harvey, D.S.I. Tung Chao Ping and detectives proceeded to the Park Hotel and after reinforcements had been obtained, they being brought there by Insp. Palmer, the party brought to the station 36 members of the Park Hotel kitchen staff.

Inquiries at the hotel upon arrival by D.I. Eddy, D.S.I. Tung Chao Ping and C.D.S. 300 ascertained the following:-

On about 15/9/37 Liew Hui Liew (廖輝猷) one of the directors of the Park Hotel decided together with Mr. Max Schilder, the manager, that owing to depression a staff cut would have to be made. The staff were informed but the kitchen staff could not come to an agreement as the management had decided to cut them 50%. They requested a 25% cut.

At 10.30 a.m. 15/9/37 the kitchen staff asked Mr. Henson, the Chef, to inform the director they would accept a 25% cut only. He with the intent of informing the director proceeded from the kitchen to the 4th floor. Agitators among those arrested followed him and in the ensuing excitement closed the hotel harbor when they mistook for the director to the 4th floor to room 412. When on the 4th floor all

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discovering for satisfaction from the hotel management.
Mr. Hanson attempted to quieten Mr. and one of the
staff observing Assistant Mayor Gaylor Dallas and
Walter Butler outside of the Y.M.C.A. called for
assistance from the 4th floor office window. Dallas
and Butler entered the building and ascended to the
4th floor and attempted to quieten the accused who were
in the 4th floor passage demanding satisfaction
shouting and refusing to work. Failing to quieten
them Butler left Dallas to telephone the station.
When he did so the 5th accused entered the 3rd accused
to go and get a tin of alcohol and shouted "Get fire
to the building". The 3rd accused returned with the
tin of alcohol (exhibit) and was pouring it on the
floor outside of the barbers shop thinking the
director was in there, with the intention of firing it.
When Dallas seeing the danger of a serious fire, half
of the alcohol had been poured on the floor, attempted
to obtain the tin, the 1st to 3rd accused immediately
assaulted him knocking him to the ground, cutting his
forehead and hand, making multiple bruises on his body
with their feet and fists damaging his hat and clothing
and a writing case. (See exhibits and doctor's
certificates) Butler returned from the telephone and
succeeded in securing and dragging the said accused
Dallas to room 424 from off the passage floor. At this

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stage the undersigned and party arrived from the station and the kitchen staff retreated to the kitchen locking themselves in.

They were persuaded to open the kitchen door by Mr. Hinson and were apprehended as stated above.

At the station Dallas identified the 1st to 14th accused as the persons who assaulted him and at the hotel D.S.I. Tung Chao Ping ascertained that the 8th accused sent the 3rd accused for the alcohol with the intent of firing the building.

Lien Sun Lien, the director, in an interview was advised to dispense with the services of all the arrested persons it being pointed out the danger of further disturbances occurring. He stated 4 or 5 of the accused had agitated the remainder and also stated that the majority of them who had been employed at the hotel for 3 years but were unwilling to accept the cut caused by recent depression.

Dallas pointed out the 11th accused and 12th accused as the chief aggressors and agitators in the assault upon him. The 1st to 26th accused have been charged with Disturbing the Peace Cont. to Art. 126 of the C.C.A. and the 1st to 14th accused have been charged with Assault Cont. to Art. 277 of the C.C.A. The accused will be arraigned before the S.C.C. Court on 10/1/27 when the A.S.I. will be requested to submit the

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seriousness of the offence:— Assault of an officer
in uniform and the threat to fire the building
having poured half a tin of alcohol on the floor.

D.D.C. "P" informed.

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